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SUBJECT: GREECE AND NATO: CANADIAN REPLY TO CARAMANLIS LETTER

CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES OCTOBER 15 PROVIDED SYG LUNS AND ALL
NATO PERMREPS COPY OF REPLY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SENT TO PRIME
MINISTER CARAMANLIS. TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER,

THANK YOUR FOR YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 28
OUTLINING YOUR VIEWS ON THE ROLE OF NATO DURING THE
RECENT CRISIS IN CYPRUS AND INFORMING ME OF YOUR
GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM NATO'S
INTEGRATED MILITARY ORGANIZATION.

AS YOU NOTED IN YOUR LETTER, NATO WAS
ESTABLISHED IN 1949 TO PROTECT ITS MEMBERS FROM
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A THREAT TO THEIR FREEDOM AND TO THEIR COMMON
HERITAGE OF DEMOCRACY. IN THIS THE ALLIANCE HAS
ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS AND THE CONTRIBUTION
OF GREECE, AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE WESTERN

COMMUNITY OF NATIONS, HAS BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED
BY ALL MEMBERS. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD LIKE
TO CONVEY TO YOU THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S WISHES FOR
SUCCESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC
GOVERNMENT IN GREECE.

YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT IS A MATTER OF REGRET TO
MY GOVERNMENT; IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THEREFORE THAT
THE PRESENT STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO ALLIANCE
MEMBERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO POSE A LONG TERM THREAT
TO THE SECURITY OF THE WESTERN WORLD OR TO THE COHESION
AND SOLIDARITY OF NATO WHICH WE ALL RECOGNIZE AS BEING
SO IMPORTANT TO THE FURTHERANCE OF OUR COLLECTIVE
INTERESTS.

I WOULD ALSO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT, IN DUE
COURSE, GREECE WILL CONCLUDE THAT FULL PARTICIPATION
IN NATO IS IN ITS CONTINUED BEST INTERESTS. I AM
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT
WITH OTHER ALLIANCE MEMBERS ON THE PRACTICAL MEASURES
CALLED FOR BY YOUR PRESENT POSITION. AT THE SAME TIME
I TRUST THAT GREECE AND OTHER ALLIANCE MEMBERS WILL BE
ABLE TO FIND WAYS OF MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE COOPERATION
IN THE MILITARY FIELD FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF ALL
CONCERNED.

YOURS SINCERELY,

END TEXT

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